

comprises two apertures through which said pair of pins in said connecting member pass to secure said gemstone to said item of jewelry.

24. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said sleeve is separate from said connecting member and is slid on said connecting member beneath said surface.

25. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said sleeve is integrally formed from the undersurface of said surface of said item of jewelry.

26. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said gemstone comprises an oval gemstone, said aperture com-

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prises an oval shape, and said item of jewelry comprises a jewelry ring, wherein said apparatus connects a row of said oval gemstones onto the surface of said ring.

27. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said stones comprise marquis stones, said item of jewelry comprises a jewelry ring, and said connecting members bear on the ends of said marquis stones to hold said stones in place on said jewelry ring.

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--28. A combination of a gemstone , an
item of jewelry and a connecting member
to secure said gemstone to said item of
jewelry, said combination comprising:
said item of jewelry having a surface to
which said gemstone to be secured;
said gemstone having at least one end, an
upper surface, a lower surface, and a
girdle in-between, said surface of said
item of jewelry comprising an aperture
having an opening similarly shaped and
slightly smaller than the girdle of said
gemstone so that said lower surface of
said gemstone projects through said
aperture;
said surface of said item of jewelry
further comprising at least one additional
aperture located adjacent said end of said
gemstone;
said connecting member comprising a pin
extending downwardly through said
additional aperture,
a sleeve located below said surface of

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